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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. It is now nearly four years since this application was filed. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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